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BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

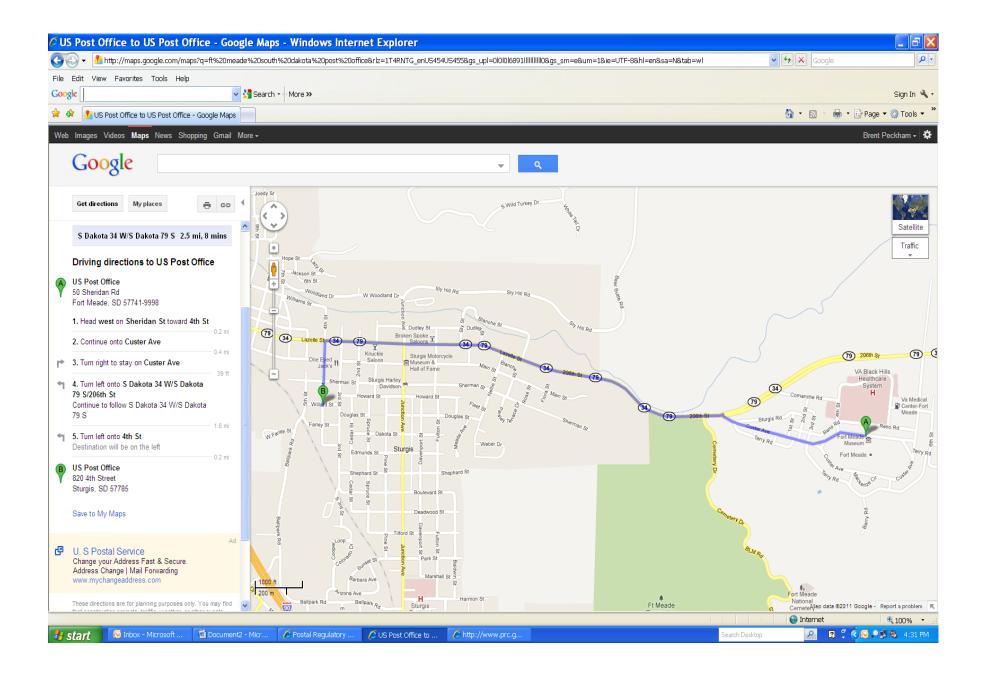
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PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

(December 05, 2011)

After careful review of the Postal Service's Final Determination, the materials in the Administrative Record, the arguments presented by Petitioners Hildebrand and Burge and fellow citizens, and the Postal Service Comments, the Public Representative concludes that the Postal Service has followed applicable procedures, that the decision to close the Fort Meade post office is neither arbitrary nor capricious, and that the Postal Service's decision is supported by substantial evidence. The Public Representative concludes that the Postal Service has adequately considered all requirements of 39 U.S.C. § 404(d), and advises that the determination to close the Fort Meade post office be affirmed.

The Public Representative would like to note that Item 4, Highway Map with Community Highlighted, in the Administrative Record has become illegible. In reviewing the map and distance between the Fort Meade and Sturgis post offices, the Public Representative found that materials in the Administrative Record understated the distance. According to the attached map the driving distance between the Fort Meade and Sturgis post offices is 2.5 miles.¹



Respectfully Submitted,

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